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1. The complete withdrawal of the Chinese Nationalist military and naval forces from the Shantung peninsula is under way. The full-scale evacuation will begin on 26 May 1949 and is to be completed by 28 May. Chinese evacuation ships are arriving daily.
2. As of 25 May Tsimo is being evacuated. The 11 Pacification Area Headquarters at Fushanshao, near Shatzekou, will try to evacuate the 50 and 32 Armies to Canton. The pier at Shatzekou is completed*.
3. Possibly half of the local Peace Preservation Corps will leave with the two armies.
4. Chinese Communist troops are said to be occupying evacuated areas immediately after the Nationalist withdrawal, without any gun fire or fighting.
5. KAO**, commander of the Peace Preservation Corps in the Laoshan area, is said to have made a deal with the Chinese Communists; he will occupy Tsingtao upon the withdrawal of General LIU An-chi and will effect a peaceful occupation for the Chinese Communists.
6. There is no evidence of a public panic in Tsingtao such as occurred last January and February.

* Comment. Presumably the pier will be used during the evacuation.** Comment. KAO is said to have been a troop commander under LI Hsien-liang, who was a guerrilla leader in Shantung during the Japanese occupation.Document No. 009NO CHANGE in Class. ☐☐ DECLASSIFIED

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